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THE  
**Hongkong Telegraph.**

HONGKONG, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1881.

IN one of his famous speeches to the Legislative Council, a few months back, His Excellency the Governor dwelt with some emphasis on the extraordinary demand for house property within this colony by the Chinese, and deduced from the result of his enquiries as to the genuine character of the numerous extensive transactions, the records of which were crowding the columns of the newspapers almost every day, that it might safely be taken as a sign of our increased commercial prosperity. From information at our disposal even then, we could not agree with the result of His Excellency's investigations, nor had we any reason to believe that the house property movement was fairly indicative of any noteworthy increase in the general trade or mercantile importance of Hongkong. Recent events have conclusively proved that the Governor's inquiries only elicited half the truth, and that, although some of the large transfers of landed property which have been blazoned forth in such large type are doubtless *bona fide* and legitimate enough, a vast majority of the so-called sales may be safely classed under the expressive term "bogus." The political value of the movement is practically nil: commercially it has had, coupled with other matters, a certain significance, influencing, perhaps, a good many changes which in time may affect the welfare of the colony.

The Chinese are justly celebrated for their commercial enterprise. In all parts of the world where the industrious, scheming sons of Han erect their tents, the same characteristics are prominently brought forward, and success almost invariably repays the indomitable perseverance, the long-headed sagacity, and thorough unscrupulousness of the wily heathens. We may fairly presume that there are in this colony at the present time somewhere between three and five thousand of white-coated, well-spoken plausible clever scoundrels, engaged in house "pidgin;" men who work from morning till night with a patient endurance and grim persistency, which in a better cause would deserve the highest praise. These men have been infatuated for months past with the gambling mania in relation to house property, and like the men of business, clerks, tradesmen, and others in Australia on the first discovery of gold, they forsook their

original occupations to rush into the maddening vortex of what has been erroneously termed "house-broking." The Chinese are not alone to blame. It is perfectly well known that European firms have only been too ready to support this insane speculation so long as there were any prospects of making money out of it. Legitimate trading is open to all; and although we have sometimes to call attention to Stock Exchange gambling of a shady character, we are glad to say that it is but rarely any good grounds exist for the spotless fame of our merchants, our traders, and our brokers being in any way questioned. But this has not been legitimate trading in any sense of the word. Time transactions in shares and stocks are highly commendable commercial transactions compared with some of these vile speculations in house property, which have been for the sake of gain carefully fostered and encouraged by so-called highly respectable European merchants and others. The iniquity of mercantile jobbery is not less in Hongkong than it would be in London; the social status of an unscrupulous "jobber" is no more a protection to the educated and refined foreigner than is his ignorance of European principles of commercial etiquette and morality to the Chinese tool. There are Europeans in this colony whose transactions in the recent house property swindles have been of such a character that if publicly exposed, they would lead to social ostracism, and might end in criminal prosecutions. As all this criminal, reckless speculation has been carried on at the expense of the general public, we shall not fail in the interests of our clients to speak plainly where the public interests require it.

In a previous article we explained the *modus operandi* of the property-mongers, called by courtesy brokers, and predicted a sudden termination to the golden days which were the talk of the colony. Our predictions have been verified to the letter. Chinese brokers, who a week ago looked clean, healthy, prosperous, and happy, are to-day aimlessly wandering through the colony, dirty, draggled, looking like misery personified. The property bubble has burst; Othello's occupation is gone with a vengeance, and so is his immense capital of a few hundred dollars, on the strength of which he boldly negotiated for properties worth sometimes nearly a quarter of a million of dollars. The game was far too good to last for ever. Settling day came, there were no more rogues or fools ready to risk their little hoards on the uncertain prospect of some other gambler coming to the front, and so Othello is a defaulter, and the business, so far as he is concerned, has ended. We heard the other day of three enterprising natives who had been dabbling wholesale in valuable messages and tenements, but who had however ignominiously failed in making the good thing they anticipated out of their speculative investments. Supported and trusted by confiding backers who believed in their *bona fides*, settling day came and found them not. They were gone to a safer refuge in Canton without even having the grace to say:—

"Good night, good night; parting is such sweet sorrow,  
That I shall say good night till it be to-morrow."

And so it is throughout the Colony. The bubble has completely burst. This public confidence is at last shaken, and nothing can restore it. There have already been several noteworthy *exposés*, and every day is adding to the number. In some instances we hear that legal proceedings are likely to be taken, and this is probable enough; yet where Europeans are involved, and they are ap to the neck in the business, we think that matters will be quietly arranged. Publicity is hardly likely to be courted in affairs of this character. We can, however, wait for further *dénouements*.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

Telegrams for Bangkok can go forward by mail closing at Singapore at 3 p.m. to-day, and 9 a.m. to-morrow.

St. John Lodge of Hongkong No. 618 S. C. will hold an Emorgency to-morrow evening, the 28th instant, at half-past eight precisely. All visiting brethren will be made cordially welcome.

Members of the Hongkong Humane Society are requested to assemble at headquarters, Praya Central, this evening at 8.30 p.m., for practice with apparatus. Regulation shirts and helmets to be worn.

Shippers to California will observe that Messrs. Russell & Co. have placed the steamship *Cascapedia* on the berth for San Francisco. This vessel, which we understand is the pioneer of a new line of steamers the above-named influential firm shortly intend running between here and California, is taking freight at exceptionally low rates, particulars of which may be obtained on application.

The Chinese steamship *Kang-chi* reports left Haiphong on the 23rd inst., and Hoihow on the 25th. From Haiphong to Hoihow variable winds, and weather, with occasional rain squalls. In Haiphong the French man-of-war *Hamelin*, and the steamships *Conquest*, *Ping-on*, *Vorwaertes*, and *Welle*. From Hoihow to Hongkong strong North-Easterly winds and head sea to Ladrone Islands; thence to port light variable winds and fine weather. In Hoihow the Siamese barque *Lucky*. The steamship *Pang-ling* left Hoihow on the night of the 24th for Pakhoi.

The *North China Daily News* says:—H.E. the Grand Secretary Li will attend the final obsequies of the late Eastern Empress in about ten days hence. The ceremonial will be, it is said, on scale of probably unprecedented magnificence. The place of sepulture, with its groves, halls, and temples is one of the finest works of Chinese art, and for splendour and beauty is quite unique. It is said that the tombs of the two Emperresses will each cost six millions of taels. There will be an important political meeting of the great Chinese and Manchus when the ceremonies are over, and many changes in the army and navy systems and organization generally are expected.

The American ship *Twilight*, Captain W. C. Westland, from Newcastle, N.S.W., arrived here this morning, and reports fine weather the whole passage, crossing the Equator on August 29th in long. 157 E., and passed the Bashoes on Sept. 22nd. Capt. Westland reports having passed the *Bolton Abbey* on the 22nd instant from Newcastle, bound to Manila, 68 days out, when in lat. 20.21 N. long. 120.52 E. The *Bolton Abbey* had been totally dismasted on the 23rd of August in a severe typhoon which occurred in lat. 17.35 N. long. 127.56 E., and was, when spoken by the *Twilight*, making for Hongkong, Captain Westland having supplied the disabled ship with a boat and other necessities of which she stood in need.

We have frequently called the attention of the authorities to the absolute necessity which exists for some strictly defined regulations to govern the jinricksha traffic in this colony. An accident which happened this morning will probably call for some needful reform. Jinricksha No. 425, laden with two women, a child, a couple of ducks, and several boxes, was being propelled along Wellington Street to the westward, when in descending the incline towards Cochrane Street the coolie lost control of the vehicle, which, eventually came to grief, the coolie being knocked flat on his face, and the women, child, and ducks thrown on to a considerable distance on the hard road. Both the women on being conveyed to the Central Station were found to be severely bruised, the child fortunately escaping with a shaking. The coolie, who was arrested by an Indian constable, had also sustained some severe abrasions about the arms and knees. Something ought to be done, and that without delay, to put an immediate stop to irregularities in our street traffic of the nature above referred to, or the authorities will be held responsible for any accident which may happen through their negligence.

We learn that Manila has been placed under quarantine regulations. The steamship *Diamante* was placed in quarantine immediately on arriving.

We regret to notice from the Shanghai papers that Mr. E. H. Parker, H. M. Consular Agent at Chungking, Szechuen, has been compelled to apply for two months' leave of absence, owing to ill health. Mr. Parker, who was for many years at Canton is well known throughout China for his valuable literary contributions on Chinese subjects.

As we go to press we hear from the Spanish Consulate that the quarantine Regulations now in force at Manila have been defined as follows:—Japanese cargo will not be permitted to be landed, and vessels carrying the same will be liable to be placed in quarantine. All vessels from Japanese ports, or from Aden will be quarantined.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon, at the Civil Hospital, before the Coroner, Mr. H. E. Wedehouse, and a jury composed of Messrs. A. Levy, T. R. Fisher, and J. A. Gutierrez, on the bodies of a Chinaman and two Chinese women, named Lan Yat, Lan A-chang, and Lan Amui. The deceased, with ten or eleven others, were passengers on board the junk No. 1526, which left the Canton steamer wharf at half-past two o'clock on Sunday last. When she had got as far as the Long Pier, she suddenly heeled over on to her side, as her captain alleged from a sudden gust of wind. With the exception of two who were down in the hold, those on board were all thrown into the water. The Captain scrambled on board again and got the passengers out of the hold. The sails were then lowered by him, but by this time the vessel had got so much water in her that she would not right and lay there water-logged. A boat from H.M.S. *Victor Emmanuel*, followed by the police boat, came to their assistance, and the passengers and crew, with the exception of the three deceased and one at present missing, were rescued from the water. The junk was then towed ashore and the three bodies were recovered, more or less mutilated in the faces by fishes. Mr. Fisher said he saw the people struggling in the water from the Praya. There were Chinese boats all around, and had they rendered the assistance they might have done, no lives would in all probability have been lost, but instead of doing so, they all cleared off from the scene as fast as possible. The inquiry was remanded until this afternoon in order that persons from the *Victor Emmanuel*, who witnessed the accident, might be present to give evidence as to how it occurred.

**THE HAYES TROUPE AT THE CITY HALL.**

The Hayes troupe of acrobats and gymnasts gave their third performance in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night, to a large and highly appreciative audience. The entertainment, announced as under the direct patronage of Colonel Geddes and the officers of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, attracted a large number of soldiers, and the naval and civil elements were also strongly represented. The business of the evening commenced with the Brothers Hayes on the double trapeze, and unfortunately resulted in an accident to one of the lads, which detracted in some measure from the merits of the entertainment. One trapeze was erected over the stage; the other in the vicinity of the Governor's box, and the feat to be attempted by the gymnast was to swing across the house, catch hold of his brother's hands, remain suspended by the hands until the return of the trapeze, by aid of which the former position was regained. Everything being in readiness the lad swung across the house, but he just missed his attempt to get hold of his brother's hands, and being unable to recover himself fell with a crash on the stage. The fall was not a very heavy one, but of course the impetus given by swinging with such force across the theatre was enough to cause a severe shaking, and when the lad was picked up, which was done without a second's delay, it was found that he had so severely sprained or dislocated his wrist as to necessitate his being at once placed under medical advice. After this mishap, the first

class programme was gone through without a hitch amidst the most enthusiastic applause from the audience. Madame Hayes proved herself an efficient character dancer in the Clog Hornpipe and Highland Fling, and she certainly is a tight rope artiste of very great ability. Mr. Hayes gained much applause by his comic whimsicalities after the usual style of clowns of the ring, and distinguished himself equally as a humorous comedian and as an accomplished acrobat. The young lads also fairly earned public appreciation by their talented performances. The elder showed nerve and skill in his graceful tricks on the high trapeze, and his slack rope vaulting and tumbling were of a high order; in fact we have rarely seen a more graceful and better trained young gymnast and acrobat. The younger, apparently about six or seven years old, is without exception the funniest and cleverest little fellow we have ever come across in the circus ring. Although a mere child, his trick act tumbling is almost perfection, and as a little clown he is simply inimitable. He kept the audience in a continuous roar of laughter the whole time he was on the stage. His comic sketch, catching the butterfly, was fairly irresistible, and the antics, and facial expressions of the little joker were a treat very rarely met with in travelling companies. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have to be complimented for the assiduous tuition which they must have bestowed on their children, in order to make them the accomplished artistes they undoubtedly are. The performance was not concluded until about midnight. The Band of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, conducted by the band-master Mr. E. Wallace, rendered valuable aid during the entertainment, and received hearty applause for their admirable rendering of several well selected pieces. We are glad to hear this morning that the young lad, who met with the accident last night is going on all right, a sprained wrist being the extent of his injuries and he will be all right in a day or two. The troupe will give a performance at Macao on Monday evening, where a full house will doubtless reward their enterprise.

**U.S. CONSULAR COURT, SHANGHAI.**

**WHELOCK v. CONNOR.**

In this case the plaintiff claimed the sum of \$4,050, for monies paid in connection with a proposed transfer and sale of the steam-tug *Heron* to plaintiff. The defendant files a counter-claim for Tls. 900 for hire of the *Heron* for six days, and pays into Court Tls. 3,028.71, which he alleges is the balance due from him to the plaintiff, after deducting from the plaintiff's claim Tls. 121.26 for survey fees, and Tls. 900 for hire of said steamer by plaintiff.

Mr. Robinson appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Drummond for the defendant.

The case occupied the Court two days, and the following judgment was delivered on the 20th inst.:—The plaintiff entered into an agreement at Hongkong on the 2nd day of July of this year to purchase of the defendant the tug-boat *Heron*. The vessel was to be docked and put in first class order by the defendant and delivered at Shanghai with the exception of the surveyors' fees which were to be paid by the plaintiff. In pursuance of this agreement the plaintiff advanced to the defendant Tls 3,928.71. Subsequently a second agreement between plaintiff and defendant was entered into by the terms of which the latter was to retain a half interest in the vessel and business, the details of which were settled after the tug's arrival here on the evening of the 19th of August. The vessel to be transferred to and be under the control of the plaintiff. Under this second agreement the tug began towing on the 21st day of August and continued till the 25th, when by mutual consent all agreements made between the plaintiff and defendant with reference to the sale of the vessel and her business were cancelled. The plaintiff now brings a suit to recover the money advanced to the defendant with interest as well as for the surveyor's fees amounting to Tls. 121.36. Defendant admits the account to be correct except the last item but claims from the plaintiff Tls. 900 for the use of the vessel from the 21st day of August to the 26th. This service the plaintiff denies. The Court is of the opinion that as the vessel was work-



ing on a partnership basis from the 21st to the 25th that the expenses and earnings should be shared equally. Upon this account we find that the running expenses are Tls. 1,480 per month, equal to Tls. 49.33 per day, half of which or Tls. 24.67 is properly chargeable to the plaintiff, which sum for five days would amount to Tls. 123.35. The interest on half of the value of the vessel for five days would amount to Tls. 13.36 which the plaintiff should also pay. The plaintiff is entitled to interest for one month on Tls. 3,928.71 equal to Tls. 32.74. The fees paid for surveys should be borne by the plaintiff as per his agreement. The earnings of the vessel for the five days in question when collected to be equally divided between the plaintiff and defendant. The plaintiff's account therefore of Tls. 4,950.07 is credited with Tls. 32.74 and debited with Tls. 256.83, leaving a balance due to plaintiff of Tls. 3,825.98, for which judgment is rendered against the defendant with costs to suit. It is therefore ordered and adjudged that the plaintiff do have and recover of the defendant the sum of Tls. 3,825.89 together with the costs of suit.

## MANILA.

We translate the following from *El Comercio*—

At 8 p.m., 16th inst., a fire was discovered on board the steamer *Sorsogon* which was lying astern of the *Cebu* in the river. Fortunately it did not turn out to be of any consequence, although at first it was feared the flames would have increased as a great volume of smoke issued from the fore-hold. The hatches were immediately put on and water was poured in by buckets and pumps. The Harbour-Master, with men and engine, were soon on board, followed by assistance from the *Marques del Duero* and gunboat *Prueba*, which rendered good services. The hatches were after a while opened, and when the smoke diminished it was found that the cause of the alarm was a case of drugs on fire producing a quantity of smoke but no flame. After a careful examination and finding that nothing more was to be feared, the men from the *Duero*, *Prueba* and the Harbour-Master retired, and at a quarter to midnight the bustling scene was over.

A monument, an astronomical observatory with a large telescope, the achromatic object of which will be of the size of 9.70 metres in diameter, the largest size attained by the science, will be built at Sechi, in Italy, in honor of the celebrated astronomer, Angelo Sechi.

## CHINESE STUDENTS IN AMERICA.

The New York Herald says:—The action of the Chinese Government in abolishing the student mission at Hartford was prompted by a peculiar combination of legitimate motives and ultra-conservative fears. The true causes of the movement are privately made known by members of the commission in charge, who personally deprecate the summary decision of the Chinese Government. No gentleman of the number more deeply regrets the ultimatum of his sovereign than he whose inconsiderate expression of his premature judgment was the principal reason for issuing the order. This individual is an ambassador of high rank, who was sent on a mission of investigation by the Emperor about a year ago. He had never been outside the limits of the Flowery Kingdom, and on reaching Hartford he was horrified at finding that the wards of his nation had become Americanised to an alarming degree, some of them being even so far acculturated as to have parted with their pig-tails. They had become to all appearances, except in the facial marks of their race, American young gentlemen, including, it is true, some of the foibles of the average college student. The shock was too great for the nerves of the conservative functionary, Yung Wing, the able emissary who had been for some time in charge of the mission, endeavoured to make clear to his visitor that as a matter of social custom and convenience the young men had adopted the prevailing costumes of their fellow students. But the prejudices and tradition of the civilised pagan could not be overcome at such short notice, and forthwith he despatched to Peking a letter in which

he condemned in unmeasured terms the methods and influences of the mission. He declared that the effects of their sojourn was to alienate the boys from their country and its customs, to undermine the most sacred traditional principles of Government and society, to implant and foster seditious ideas which would become the germ of social, if not civil and religious, troubles at home—in fact, that the whole influence and tendency of the mission was pernicious and dangerous. He therefore recommended the immediate abandonment of the enterprise and the recall of all the students.

## THE JAPANESE TREATY.

The propositions brought forward by the Japanese Government for revision of the existing treaty are now receiving consideration from England, and it is to be hoped that the other countries to whom the same appeal has been made will agree to the formulating of common conditions. England is, of course, the country most deeply concerned, for her trade with Japan is more than double the whole of the rest of the commercial activity of Japan. It is therefore evident that modifications of the present treaty should be made with reference to the joint interests of these two Powers. And this is fortunately quite practicable. Fifteen years ago the original stipulation that the duty on imported articles should be a uniform one of 20 per cent. *ad valorem*, with the exception of cotton and woollen goods, was changed to a uniform rate of 5 per cent. on all articles. This alteration had the happiest results. Foreign trade has increased, and the receipts from customs have greatly augmented, and it would be certainly to the injury of Japanese wealth and commerce should a more rigid and practically prohibitive tariff now be imposed. The financial embarrassments of the Mikado prevent him or his Ministers from seeing clearly the short-sightedness of the policy proposed in raising the duties to any appreciable extent; but it is to be hoped that England will refrain from making such concessions as must inevitably injure the foreign trade she has almost entirely created herself for Japan. The progress lately made by Japan in civilisation and prosperity should attract our sympathy and respect, and only a most unfriendly weakness on our part could lead to our sacrificing those interests of hers which lie almost entirely within our own power and jurisdiction.—*Overland Mail*.

## LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, September 27th, 1881.  
One o'clock P.M.

A general all round depression is the principal feature of Stock Exchange business this morning. Almost every stock displays signs of weakness consequent probably on the near approach of the monthly settling day. A large number of shares have to be taken up at the end of the month, and as a matter of course the various stocks suffer a marked depreciation. Banks are very weak at 112, with no purchasers at that price, in fact we doubt if a lower quotation would lead to a cash business. There were a few trifling sales of Docks yesterday at 42 per cent. premium, but the movement was not of much importance, nor has it been sustained, as the shares are still on offer without finding purchasers. We have heard of Hotels being sold at 113, and on the other hand know of one or two lots on offer at 112, so that the actual position of this particular stock is, as usual, rather difficult to define. Rumours in connection with the sale of the Hotel property are still prevalent, although nobody appears to know exactly what prospects there are of a sale being effected at the sum asked for. The Directors may possibly wait until it is too late, although even at the large sum wanted for the property, the investment, if properly managed, would not be such a bad one. Steamboats have been sold, and are still on offer at 25 per share premium. Sugars are much weaker, and offers to sell at 161, and even at a lower figure, have not led to business. Nothing else need be specially mentioned.

**Shares.**  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—112 per cent. premium; Sellers.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,675 per share ex dividend.  
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,600 per share.  
North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 830 per share.  
Chinese Insurance Company, —\$300 per share, Buyers.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Shares—\$98 per share, Sales.  
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$290 per share, Sellers.  
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—42% premium, Sales and Sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's Shares—\$25 per share premium, Sellers.  
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.  
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$85 per share.  
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$112 per share, Buyers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$161 per share, Sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent premium.  
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$127½ per share, Sellers.  
Hongkong & China Bakery Company Limited—\$50 per share.  
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—1½% premium, Ex Int.  
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—3½% premium.

## Exchange.

On LONDON, —  
Bank Bills, T.T., ..... 3/8½  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8½  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/8½  
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 3/9½  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, ..... 3/9½  
On PARIS, —  
Bank Bills, on demand, ..... 4.65  
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 4.77  
On BOMBAY, —  
Bank, T.T., ..... 223  
On CALCUTTA, —  
Bank, T.T., ..... 223  
On SHANGHAI, —  
Bank, T.T., ..... 72½  
Private, 30 days' sight, ..... 73½

## Hongkong Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Eulsoner & Co.'s Register, Queen's-road).

HONGKONG, 26th & 27th Sept. 1881.  
BAROMETER—1 P.M. .... 29.984  
Do. 4 P.M. .... 29.978  
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. .... 82.  
Do. 4 P.M. .... 83.  
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 72.  
Do. 4 P.M. Do. 73.  
BAROMETER—9 A.M. .... 30.072  
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. .... 79.  
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 74.  
Do. Maximum ..... 83.  
Do. Minimum (over night) 78.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

## ARRIVALS.

Sept. 26, *Kang-chi*, Chinese steamer, 688, R. C. Marsden, Haiphong 23rd Sept., and Hoihow 25th, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.  
Sept. 26, *Yangtze*, British steamer, 782, Schultze, Shanghai 23rd Sept., General.—Siemssen & Co.  
Sept. 27, *Amoy*, British steamer, 814, Hermann, Canton 26th Sept., General.—Siemssen & Co.  
Sept. 27, *Hardwick*, British steamer, 715, C. A. Tapp, Chinkiang 21st Sept., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.  
Sept. 27, *Twilight*, American ship, 1,303, W. C. Westland, Newcastle N.S.W., 11th August, Coals.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
Sept. 27, *Helen Marion*, British bark, 693, R. F. Robinson, Cardiff 23rd, May, Coals.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
Sept. 27, *Miramar*, British steamer, 890, John M. Clarke, Huchenotzar, 22nd Sept., Coals.—Butterfield & Swire.  
Sept. 27, *China*, German steamer, 648, H. Schoer, Swatow 26th Sept., General.—Wing Kee.

## DEPARTURES.

Sept. 26, *Oaklands*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

Sept. 26, *Emeralda*, British steamer, for Amoy.  
Sept. 27, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
Sept. 27, *Prinz Heinrich*, German str., for Bangkok.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per *Kang-chi*, Chinese steamer, from Haiphong, &c., 26 Chinese.  
Per *Yangtze*, British steamer, from Shanghai, 12 Chinese.  
Per *China*, German steamer, from Swatow, 76 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *China*, from Swatow, reports light N.E. winds fine weather with moderate sea to port.  
The British steamer *Miramar*, from Huchenotzar, reports strong gales from N.E. winds and high confused sea to Tarnabout Island; from thence to port fine weather.  
The British steamer *Yangtze*, from Shanghai, reports left Shanghai at 2 p.m. on the 23rd Sept., had fresh N.E. winds and cloudy weather to Tarnabout, thence to port light North to Easterly winds with fine weather; arrived at Hongkong at 10 p.m. on the 26th instant.

## MAILS.

The following mails will close:—

To-day, 27th September,—

For Manila, per *Actia*, at 5 p.m.

To-morrow, 28th September,—

For Taiwanfoo, Amoy and Tamsui, per *Hailong*, at 9.30 a.m. For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, per *Kwangtung*, at 5 p.m. For Hoihow and Haiphong, per *Himalaya*, at 4.30 p.m.

On Thursday, 29th September,—

For Foochow, Sydney, Melbourne, &c., per *Meath*, at 11.30 a.m. For Saigon, per *Quinta*, at 3.30 p.m. For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, per *Brisbane*, at 3.30 p.m.

On Friday, 30th September,—

For Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., per *Belgie*, at 2.30 p.m. For Kobe and Yokohama, per *Takasago Maru*, at 5 p.m.

On Monday, 3rd October,—

For the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, and Mauritius, per *Mirzapore*; printed matter at 2 p.m., letters at 3 p.m.

Aprons of a recent serious quarrel between some men of the 53rd Regiment, and others of the Marines, a contemporary says:—These regimental quarrels are often very difficult to heal. They are sometimes handed down in corps like a Corsican feud in families. One well-known case was the long-standing dissension between the Coldstream Guards and the 87th, now known as the Royal Irish Fusiliers. It grew, I think, out of a regimental song, perpetuated in the latter regiment, beginning with the words, "The Coldstream Guards, they wouldn't charge," and referring to some probably apocryphal incident at the battle of Barossa. But for years, when the Coldstream Guards and 87th found themselves in the same garrison, they could never agree. There was a long-standing feud between two other regiments—I believe, the 88th, or Connaught Rangers, and the "Slashers," or old 28th—which originated at a sham-fight at Corfu. It was soon after the war in the Peninsula, when all regiments which had served there were proud of their reputation. In the course of the day's manoeuvres it was ordered that one regiment should charge the other, and that the latter should retire before the attack. When the event came off, the regiment which was ordered to retreat declined to move. The men refused to "face about," or admit that they were compelled to turn their backs on their imaginary foes. Eventually both regiments had to be retired together. But after that affair brawls and fights were incessant between the corps, and ultimately they had to be parted.—*Overland Mail*.

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## SHIPPING IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures this morning.

In this table the anchorage of Hongkong Harbour is divided, for purposes  
of reference, into five sections:—No. 1 extending from Green Island to the P.  
and O. Company's Wharf; No. 2 from the P. & O. Company's Wharf to the  
Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf; No. 3 from the Canton and Macao  
Steamboat Co.'s Wharf to the Government Wharf; No. 4 from the Govern-  
ment Wharf to the Wanchai Pier; and No. 5 from the Wanchai Pier to  
Kellett's Island.

<i>Vessels.</i>	<i>Section.</i>	<i>Date of Arrival.</i>	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Flag and Reg.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Consignees.</i>
<b>Steamers.</b>						
Activ	3	Sept. 4	Reveboch	Danish	268	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Amoy	3	Sept. 27	Hermann	British	814	Siemssen & Co.
Belgie	3	Sept. 21	Davison	British	1726	O. & O. S. S. Co.
Brisbane	3	Sept. 22	R. Craig	British	891	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Cascapedia	2	Sept. 11	Fraser	British	1924	Russell & Co.
Emuy	3	Sept. 5	Blanco	Spanish	222	Remedios & Co.
Fame	3	—	A. Stopani	British	117	H. K. & W. Dock Co.
Greyhound	3	Sept. 26	D. Scott	British	226	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Hailoong	3	May 18	Hunter	British	277	D. Lapraik & Co.
Hardwick	3	Sept. 27	Tapp	British	715	C. M. S. N. Co.
Hesperia	3	Sept. 24	Petersen	German	1136	Siemssen & Co.
Himalaya	2	Sept. 26	Beedle	British	514	Tung Kee.
Kang-chi	3	Sept. 26	Marsden	Chinese	688	C. M. S. N. Co.
Kwangtung	3	Sept. 25	Young	British	674	D. Lapraik & Co.
Meath	3	Sept. 20	Johnson	British	1337	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Ocean	*	Sept. 11	Webb	British	1039	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Oaklands	3	Sept. 18	Peyne	British	710	Soy Sing.
Quinta	2	Sept. 24	Thomsen	German	874	Soy Sing.
Rajanattianuhar	2	Sept. 21	Hopkins	British	933	Yuen Fat Hong.
Sea Gull	4	—	Hayden	American	48	China Traders Co.
Shun Tip	3	July 7	Man Fu	Annamese	93	Captain.
Sunda	3	Sept. 13	Reeves	British	1029	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Takasago Maru	3	Sept. 25	C. Young	Japanese	1230	M. B. M. S. S. Co.
Tunis	3	Aug. 15	Irvine	British	886	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Yangtze	3	Sept. 26	Schultze	British	782	Siemssen & Co.
Yee-Tay	3	July 7	Lee Tung Tuk	Annamese	1200	Captain.